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Subject: Atlanta FBI Field Office - Hostage Situation

File Number: <u>89-5012</u>



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CRIMINAL INVESTIGATIVE DIVISION 6-147 (1-13-81) INFORMATIVE NOTE Date 6/30/81 Re: Morris Edwin Roberts, Jr. (deceased) . Subject was committed to the Terrell State Hospital, Terrell, Texas in 1976 where he was diagnosed as a paranoid schizophrenic. During February, 1980, subject voluntarily committed himself to the DeKalb Mental Health Unit in Atlanta, Georgia. Additional background set forth. 1 - Mr. Mullen 1 - Mr. Colwell Laboratory APPROVED N Legal Coun. 1 - Mr. Otto Pro Mont. 1 - Mr. Monroe 1 - Mr. Young Exec. AD-Adm. Ident Exec AD-Inv. CTB/pil

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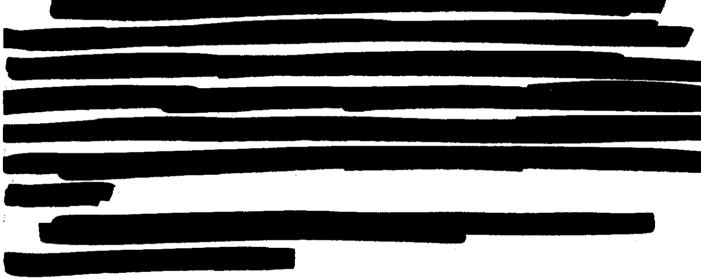
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INFOR TIVE NOTE

Date 6/29/81

Re: MORRIS EDWIN ROBERTS, JR. (DECEASED);
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By attached teletype Atlanta Division advised that at approximately 10:55 a.m. on 6/28/81, captioned subject pointed a 9mm submachine gun at GSA guard at Federal Office Building, Atlanta, Georgia. Subject forced guard to accompany him to 10th floor office space of FBI. Subject hid while using guard's presence to obtain access to FBI space. Subject held nine support employees and one GSA guard hostage on the 10th floor. demanded telephonic contact with white FBI official. Atlanta Supervisor was contacted. Subject also demanded that Chaplain Richard Jenkins of Atlanta be brought to Atlanta FBI Office. Subject subsequently released four FBI support employees. Subject overheard threatening to kill hostages to obtain notoriety and observed moving about FBI space with weapon placed at head of hostages.

At approximately 2:00 p.m., while forcing hostages down corridor, subject shot and killed by FBI and Atlanta P.D. Swat Team Members from

Two FBI employee hostages received superficial wounds to legs as a result of shooting.

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Additional weapons brought to scene by subject included loaded sawed-off shotgun, three handguns, and additional ammunition for each.

Subject's FBI rap sheet reflects four arrests—two for possession of marijuana, one driving while intoxicated, and one avoiding arrest.

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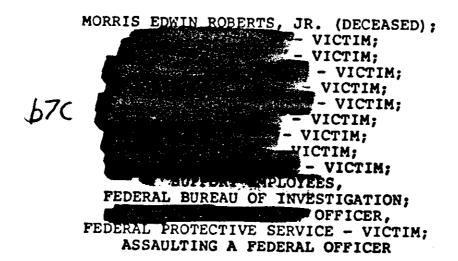
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Atlanta

**July 2, 1981** 

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Norretive of Offense:

On the morning of June 28, 1981, Officer Federal Protective Service, was on duty in the Federal Building, 275 Peachtree Street, Northeast, Atlanta, Georgia. This ten-story building houses, among other government agencies, the Atlanta office of the FBI, which occupies all of the tenth floor and the west half of the ninth floor. FBI support employees on duty at the time were

At approximately 10:55 a.m., an individual who was later identified as Morris Edwin Roberts, Jr., white male, date of birth January 18, 1955, FBI Number 999,305, K7, came to the front glass doors of the building and requested entry, stating he worked there. approached the doors, and when he asked where the individual worked, he produced what appeared to be an automatic weapon. Roberts demanded entry, and after complied, Roberts relieved him of his service revolver and said he wanted to go to the FBI office on the tenth floor. He forced to accompany him on the elevator to the tenth floor, stating that he had some business to take care of at the FBI office.

After getting off of the elevator on the tenth stand in front of the peep hole floor, Roberts had in the door to the FBI office while Roberts stood off to the side. pushed the doorbell and came to the door. Upon recognizing she opened the door, and he and Roberts then entered the office.

CARRELL CONTRACTOR Upon entering the office, Roberts pointed his and followed them into the Chief Clerk's Office (CCO), across the hall from the entry doors (see sketch page B-6). was in that area and she was also taken hostage at that time.

Roberts said that he wanted to talk to an FBI Agent, but he refused to talk to Special Agent in Charge (SAC) John Glover, stating that he wanted to talk to a white thereafter put a call through to Supervisory:

Special Agent at his home. Roberts, claiming his name was David Rockefeller, spoke to saying that he wanted to see in person as well as some other experienced FBI Agents. He also wanted to see Chaplain Richard Earl Jenkins, of Atlanta. Thereafter alerted other personnel to the hostage situation.

Thereafter, Roberts asked if there was anyone else in the office, and indicated to him that there were others working in the east wing of the building. Roberts wanted to know if they were Agents, and it told him they were not. Roberts then took the three hostages down the hall to the computer area in the east wing of the tenth floor where were on duty at the time. Roberts, who was carrying the automatic weapon and wearing a pistol in a shoulder holster, told these employees he was in control and for them to keep working. He then left the computer personnel and returned with his three original hostages to the CCO area.

At one point, sometime thereafter, was permitted to go alone to the restroom in the west wing of the tenth floor. On her way back to the CCO, she unlatched the bolt lock on the door to the exit stairway. 11:00 a.m. and 11:15 a.m., support employee, arrived at the Federal Building. He encountered Atlanta Police Department officers outside who advised him of the possible hostage situation. then let the officers into the building, and they rode the elevator with him up to the tenth floor where got off of the elevator alone. He entered the FBI office, saw Roberts armed with the automatic weapon in the COO, and he was also taken hostage. A few minutes thereafter, Officer A Police Department, one of the officers on the elevator Atlanta with returned to the tenth floor. He pushed the doorbell and identified himself as the police. The door and he could also see Roberts carrying was opened by what he thought to be a sawed-off shotgun. withdrew and called for the Atlanta Police Department Special Weapons and Tactics (SWAT) team.

After closed the door and returned to the CCO with Roberts, she began crying uncontrollably, and Roberts became agitated and told her to leave, which she did.

During approximately the next three hours, Roberts continued to hold hostages hostages in the CCO area. Additionally, at some time 15 to 45 minutes after Roberts had confronted the computer personnel in the

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to accompany him again to the computer area, and he took the Six computer personnel as hostages back to the CCO area. During all of his movements with the hostages, he walked behind them and covered them with his gun. He claimed his name was David or Divade (phonetic). He had operate the switchboard and numerous calls were received. He spoke extensively to various Atlanta Police Department personnel, including Hostage Negotiator Frank McClure. He repeatedly said he wanted to see his chaplain, to whom he referred as Richard Jenkins, and Jenkins Richards. He also wanted to see some FBI Agents. He said he was prepared to stay at the FBI office two to three weeks, and warned against trying to use any sleeping gas on him, because if he started to pass out he would shoot the hostages. His conversations with McClure became increasingly erratic, and unstable as time passed.

During this period of time, numerous (at least 14) telephone calls were received from the news media. These calls aggravated Roberts, causing him to become enraged and threaten to kill the hostages. It was also during this period of time that Roberts had trouble reading the clock on the wall because of reversing the numbers, and he also spoke backwards on at least one occasion. He said he had been hospitalized before and was schizophrenic. He made various threats to clean the room out, and said nobody was going to take him. He constantly clicked the safety on his gun off and on, and sometimes he growled and ground his teeth.

At 1:37 p.m., after having been persuaded by McClure, he released that any request to release additional hostages would result in him killing all of the hostages.

On two occasions, Roberts had look through the peep hole in the FBI office door. Roberts would stand behind him as he looked, with Roberts pointing his gun at head.

While the hostage situation was in progress, Atlanta Police Department and FBI SWAT personnel had cained access

From this position, Agents could observe Roberts
pointing his automatic pistol at head as described above.

The personnel were under orders from SAC Glover, as relayed by Supervisor to use deadly force against Roberts should the hostage situation not be resolved by negotiation and should the opportunity arise to use such force without unacceptable risk to the hostages.

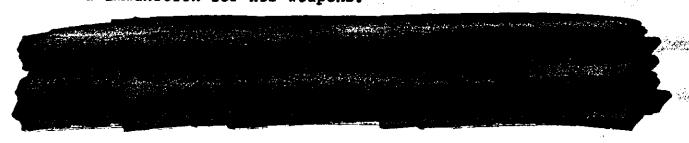
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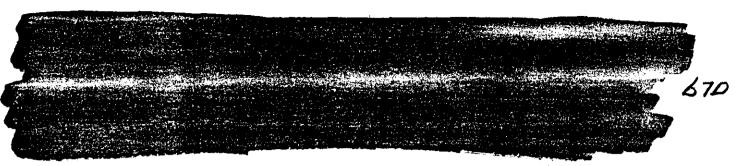
Shortly after 2:00 p.m. Roberts allowed the hostages to go to the bathroom in the west wing of the tenth floor. He had them line up single file and walk to the bathroom with him at the end of the line pointing his gun at them. About ten minutes later, as they were returning to the CCO, Roberts noticed the unlatched bolt on the west wing stairwell door. He latched the bolt and all returned to the CCO. A few minutes later, Roberts again formed the column and he followed the hostages down the east wing hallway to check the bolt on the other stairwell door. After finding it latched, the column again walked back toward the CCO with Roberts following.

(see sketch page B-6), Bureau Agents and Atlanta Police
Department officer opened fire on him, discharging a total of 42 rounds
firing a shot from the weapon he carried in his hand and was later pronounced dead on the scene of multiple gunshot wounds.

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A search of Roberts' body resulted in the recovery of documents leading to his identification. Removed from his body were a SM-11, .380 caliber semi-automatic pistol with a fully loaded 32 round magazine in place; three additional fully loaded 32 round magazines; a loaded Baretta, model 950BS, semi-automatic pistol in an ankle holster; and a loaded Smith and Wesson model 10, .38 caliber revolver in a shoulder holster. Items recovered from a vinyl handbag Roberts brought with him to the FBI office included a loaded Stevens model 311, 12 gauge double barrel sawed-off shotgun, Smith and Wesson, .38 caliber service revolver, a left-hand glove with four fingers cut off, a dagger, and extra ammunition for his weapons.





Subsequent investigation has produced no evidence that Roberts was acting in concert with anyone else in his take-over of the FBI office.

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# NAME OF DEFENDANT:

1. Morris Edwin Roberts, Jr. (deceased), described

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Social Security
Account Number
FBI Number

Address

White Male January 18, 1955 Georgia 6 feet 1 inch 150 pounds Brown Green

460-06-3222 999,305,K7 56B Bouldercrest Lane, Atlanta, Georgia

## PROSECUTIVE STATUS:

On June 29, 1981, Assistant United States Attorney (AUSA) Charles S. Saphos, Atlanta, was advised of the facts in this matter. He advised that, in his opinion, no search warrant would be necessary to search Roberts' residence at 56B Bouldercrest Lane, inasmuch as investigation had determined he was living there alone, no one but Roberts had any expectation of privacy under the 5th amendment at that residence, and Roberts was dead.

On June 29, 1981, the Fulton County District Attorney's Office, Atlanta, Georgia, obtained a Fulton County Superior Court order for the release of the psychiatric file of Morris Edwin Roberts, Jr. from the Custodian of Records, Georgia Regional Hospital, Atlanta, Georgia.

WITNESSES:

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Support Employee FBI Atlanta Division

Was hostage at Atlanta office.

See pages 6 through 7, attached.

Patrolman
Atlanta Police Department

SWAT Team member at FBI office.

See page 8, attached.

3. Special Agent Atlanta Division

Recovered evidence from body and effects of Roberts.

See page 9, attached.

Support Employee
FBI
Atlanta Division

Was hostage at FBI office.

See pages 12 through 14, attached.



See pages 15 through 61, attached.

WITNESSES (continued):

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Special Agent
FBI
Atlanta Division

Received custody of weapons used by Special Agents in shooting Roberts. Also recovered spent shell casings.

See pages 62 through 64, attached.

7.
Support Employee
FB1
Atlanta Division

Was hostage in FBI office.

See pages 65 through 67, attached.

8. John D. Glover
Special Agent in Charge
FBI
Atlanta Division

Issued order to use deadly force against Roberts.

See page 68, attached.

Support Employee FBI Atlanta Division

Was hostage at FBI office.

See page 69, attached.

## WITNESSES (continued):

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Support Employee FBI

Atlanta Division

Was hostage at FBI office.

See pages 71 through 75, attached.

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Sugar Creek Park Golf Course Decatur, Georgia



See page 76, attached.

Support Employee
FBI
Atlanta Division

Was hostage at FBI office.

See pages 77 through 79, attached.

Support Employee
FBI
Atlanta Division

Was hostage at FBI office.

See pages 80 through 82, attached.

WITNESSES (continued):

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Patrolman Atlanta Police Department

Was on duty with SWAT Team at Atlanta FBI office.

See page 83, attached.

Atlanta Police Department

Was present at FBI office and overheard the voice of someone threatening to kill people.

See page 84, attached.

Atlanta Police Department

Was present at FBI office and overheard Roberts make the statement that he did not care how many people he had to kill.

See page 85, attached.

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Special Agent

Atlanta Division

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Observed Roberts from subsequently shot Roberts.

See pages 86 through 87, attached.

Federal Protective Service Atlanta, Georgia

Was hostage at FBI office.

See pages 88 through 92, attached.

WITNESSES (continued):

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19. Atlanta, Georgia

Was neighbor of Roberts.

See page 93, attached.

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Was the chaplain requested by Roberts, and identified his photograph.

See pages 94, through 95, attached.

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Special Agent
FBI
Atlanta Division

Observed Roberts and subsequently shot him.

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See pages 96 through 97, attached.

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Pronounced Roberts dead.

See page 98, attached.

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FBI Atlanta Division 67C

WITNESSES (continued):

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Observed Roberts Also 67 reviewed Roberts' apartment application.

See pages 99 through 101, attached.

24. Atlanta Police Department

Observed individual with gun in FBI office and alerted SWAT.

See pages 102 through 103, attached.

25. Atlanta Police Department

Was SWAT Team member at the Atlanta FBI office.

See page 104, attached.

Supervisory Special Agent FBI Atlanta Division

Spoke to Roberts by telephone when he first took over the FBI office.

See page 105, attached.

27. Mary McCann

Aunt of Roberts, and provided background information. See pages 106 through 107, attached.

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WITNESSES (continued):

28. Frank McClure
Officer and Hostage Negotiator
Atlanta Police Department

Negotiated with Roberts.

See pages 108 through 144, attached.

Special Agent
FBI
Atlanta Division

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Located and examined vehicle belonging to Roberts.

See page 145, attached.

Special Agent
FBI
Atlanta Division

67C

Conducted examination of the scene where Roberts was shot.

See pages 146 through 147, attached.

Special Agent
FBI
Atlanta Division

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Searched the person of Roberts.

See pages 188 through 189, attached.

Sugar Creek Golf Course Decatur, Georgia 67C

See pages 190 through 191, attached.

WITNESSES (continued):

Dietzgen Corporation Tucker, Georgia 67C

Gave employment record information regarding Roberts.

See page 192, attached.

Special Agent
FBI
Atlanta Division

67C

Conducted search of Roberts' apartment.

See pages 193 through 194, attached.

35. Atlanta Police Department

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SWAT Team member who observed Roberts and subsequently shot him.

See pages 195 through 196, attached.

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See page 197, attached.

Sugar Creek Golf Course
Decatur, Georgia

See pages 198 through 199, attached.

WITNESSES (continued):

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Support Employee
FBI
Atlanta Division

Was hostage at FBI office.

See pages 200 through 204, attached.

Special Agent
FBI
Atlanta Division

Heard gun fire and yelling when Roberts was shot. See page 205, attached.

Support Employee
FBI
Atlanta Division

Was hostage at FBI office.

See pages 206 through 208, attached.

Special Agent
FBI
Atlanta Division

Took custody of voice tape from Chief Clerk's Office, which was attached to the telephone during the hostage incident.

See pages 209 through 265, attached.

WITNESSES (continued):

42. Dr. Saleh Zaki
Medical Doctor
Medical Examiner
50 Coca Cola Place
Atlanta, Georgia

Conducted autopsy on Roberts.

See pages 266 through 267, attached.

#### **EVIDENCE:**

- 1. The following evidence, which was located in a brown vinyl bag carried by Roberts, was inventoried by Special Agent and can be located in the Atlanta Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) Office:
  - A. One Stevens Model 311, Series H, 12 gauge double-barrel shotgun, Serial Number D038694, chambered by 3-inch 12 gauge shells. Barrels cut off to 12½ inches total length; butt of shotgun stock cut off to pistol clip. Loaded with 2 rounds of Remington-Peters 12 gauge 3-inch magnum #4 shot shells. Safety was in safe position.
  - B. Smith and Wesson, Model 15-3, 4-inch barrel, Serial Number 8K58211, loaded with 6 rounds Remington-Peters .38 Special ball-type ammunition.
  - C. Model 10-A, HKS, Speed Loader, loaded with 6 rounds Remington-Peters .38 Special caliber, round nose ammunition.
  - D. Heavy duty leather work glove for left hand with four fingers cut and wrapped with duct tape.
  - E. Olive-drab ammunition belt for 12 gauge shotgun shells containing 10 rounds of Remington-Peters 3-inch magnum #4 shot.
  - F. Eleven rounds Federal brand 2 3/4 inch magnum, 12 gauge 00 buckshot.
- 2. Items recovered from on and near the body of 67C Morris Roberts by Special Agent (SA) which can be located at the FBI Office:

- A. One SM-11, .380 caliber, semi-automatic pistol, manufactured by RPB Industries, Serial Number 3801842, with barrel extension attached; loaded with 32 rounds of Winchester-Western ball-type .380 ammunition. Bolt was open to rear position and ready to fire. Safety was in fire position.
- B. Three additional loaded 32 round magazines which were carried in magazine carrying case.
- C. Baretta, Model 950 BS, semi-automatic handgun, .22 short caliber, Serial Number BER 120451, taken from ankle holster.
- D. Smith and Wesson Model 10-6 revolver, .38 Special caliber, 4-inch heavy barrel, Serial Number 2D42218, loaded with 5 rounds of half-jacketed hollow point, .38 Special ammunition, removed from shoulder holster.
- 3. Reel to reel tape recording of telephone calls at the Atlanta Office switchboard on June 28, 1981. This tape is in possession of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), Atlanta.
- Tape recording of telephone conversations between hostage negotiator Frank McClure, Atlanta Police Department. This tape is in possession of the FBI, Atlanta.

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The following investigation was conducted by SA on June 30, 1981:

Road, N.E., Atlanta, Georgia, 325-1525, advised that he could not locate any records pertaining to the employment of Morris E. Roberts, Jr. stated that Roberts possibly could have been a contractor to paint or perform other maintenance duties. If so, no records would exist.

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The following investigation was conducted by SA

Blue Pools, 4068 Bouldercrest Way, Conley, Georgia, 243-3300, provided records which indicated that Morris E. Roberts, Jr., had been employed by Crystal Pools from September, 1978 through November, 1978. Due to the short length of employment, no employees were available that would remember Roberts. advised that the owner of Crystal Pools, John Rose, might possibly remember Roberts.

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FBI Support Personnel, Atlanta, Georgia, jurnished the following information:

He arrived at work on Sunday, June 28, 1981, at 7:15 a.m., and commenced his duties with the Investigative Support Information System (ISIS). At approximately 11:00 a.m., he observed a GSA security guard, and a white male with a machine gun enter the area where he was working. Also working in the same general area were co-workers.

At this time, the gunman asked them if they had any guns at which time the security guard stated no and that they were only clerks. The gunman then stated, "I own this building and everyone continue working". The gunman then escorted and the security guard away from the area.

Approximately one hour later, the gunman returned back to the ISIS area along with the security guard. The gunman then ordered everyone to follow him and they proceeded to the area of the Chief Clerk's Office (CCO). The gunman ordered everyone to go back to work. Every time the telephone would ring, the gunman would jump up and say, "Who is it, I do not want to talk to any of the media".

The gunman was on the telephone several times and during one of the conversations, the gunman requested to talk to his chaplain. At some point, the gunman decided to release This left behind himself, and the security guard. While on the telephone again, the gunman asked them if they wanted some lunch and they requested a hamburger, French fries, and a soda. The gunman asked them if they needed to use the rest room whereby they were taken to the restroom in the Photo Lab and entered one at a time. The telephone rang again at which time the gunman looked out of the window and saw someone on the roof of the Hyatt Regency Hotel. At this point, the gunman appeared to be nervous, however, be continued to let them use the restroom and then

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walked and ordered them back to the area of the CCO. Before he could enter through the door to the CCO, he heard gunfire. He proceeded for cover, however, before crawling under a desk, he was hit in the left hip.

Also during one of several telephone calls, the gunman stated, "nobody was going to take him". The gunman was observing the TV monitor and saw several people on the 9th floor and inquired of the person on the other end of the telephone what all those people with guns were doing down there, and to tell them to get rid of their guns.

The gunman pointed the machine gun at the head of several times and told them the number of shots this gun could fire per second. The gunman was carrying a large canvas-type bag. The gunman was described as a white male, late thirties to early forties, 6'2" tall, and armed with a machine gun.

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patrolman, Atlanta Bureau of Police Services, was interviewed at the YBI Office, 275 Peachtree Street, Atlanta, Georgia, and advised as follows:

madvised he is a member of the Atlanta Bureau of Police Services SWAT team and was called to the Federal Building at 275 Peachtree Street in response to a call that an armed man was holding hostages in the FBI office. proceeded to the 10th floor elevator area where he, along with Atlanta Police Department (APD) Patrolmen and and FBI Agent took cover in the entrance to the ladies room on the 10th floor. advised that shortly after 2:00 pm he heard a burst of gunfire coming from behind the closed double entrance doors to the FBI space. He said he and the other individuals he was with rushed the main door as the gunfire continued. He said in addition to the loud gunfire. he could also see the flashes of the gunfire under the entrance door. advised he and his companions pulled back from the door and after 5 to 10 seconds the gunfire ceased. Someone yelled all clear and he and his companions once again rushed the door. He said the door opened from the inside and he observed the subject lying motionless in the hallway beyond the main entrance. advised subject appeared to be dead and there were several injured employees within the FBI space. He said he and his companions assisted in clearing the area until further police personnel and Agents arrived.

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Immediately after the shooting of Morris E. Roberts, Jr., the following weapons were removed from his body:

- 1. One SM-11, .380 caliber, semi-automatic pistol, manufactured by RPB Industries, Serial No. 3801842, which had a barrel extension attached and was loaded with 32 rounds of Winchester-Western ball-type .380 automatic ammunition. The bolt was open to the rear position and ready to fire. The safety was in the fire position.
- 2. Three additional loaded 32 round magazines were removed which were carried in a magazine carrying case.
- 3. A Baretta, Model 950 BS, semi-automatic handgun, .22 short caliber, Serial No. BER 120451, was removed from an ankle holster on Roberts' ankle.
- 4. A Smith and Wesson Model 10-6 revolver, .38 Special caliber, 4" heavy barrel, Serial No.: 2D42218, loaded with five rounds of half-jacketed, hollow point, .38 Special ammunition was removed from a shoulder holster.

A two-tone brown vinyl bag located on the mail table in the Chief Clerk's Office (CCO) of the FBI which had been identified by the hostages as belonging to Roberts, contained the following items:

A. One Stevens Model 311, Series H, 12 gauge double-barrel shotgun, Serial No.: D038694, chambered by 3" 12 gauge shells. The barrels had been cut off to 12½" total length; the butt of the shotgun stock had been cut off to the pistol clip. The shotgun was loaded with two rounds of Remington-Peters 12 gauge 3" magnum, #4 shot shells. The safety of the shotgun was in the safe position.

B. A Smith and Wesson, Model 15-3, 4" barrel,

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Serial No.::8K58211, loaded with six rounds of Remington-Peters. 38 Special caliber. ball-type ammunition.

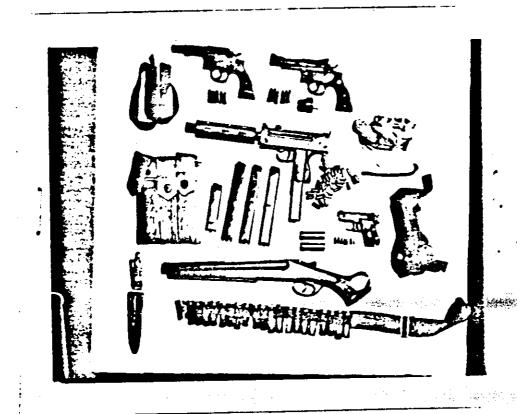
- C. A Model 10-A, HKS brand, Speed Loader, loaded with six rounds of Remington-Peters, .38 Special caliber, round nose ammunition.
- D. One heavy duty leather work glove for the left hand with the four fingers cut and wrapped with duct tape.
- E. Olive-drab ammunition belt for 12 gauge shotgun shells which contained 10 rounds of Remington-Peters 3" magnum #4 shot.
- F. 11 rounds of Federal brand 2 3/4" magnum, 12 gauge 00 buckshot
  - G. One pair of sunglasses
  - H. One piece of broken mirror, approximately 8" X 10"
- I. One double-edged dagger with figure of knight in armor for handle with 8" blade
  - J. One cellophane bag with lunchmeat sandwich
  - K. One black sling strap for an SM-11
- L. One 16 round magazine for the SM-11 loaded with 16 rounds of Winchester-Western .380 ball-type ammunition

Also located on the mail table beside the brown vinyl bag was one brown vinyl jacket, J. C. Penney brand.

A carton containing nine packages of Vantage 100s cigarettes was located on the mail table and was identified by the hostages as belonging to Roberts.

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Attached is a photo of the weapons and equipment seized during the search of the body of Morris Edwin Roberts, Jr.:



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was interviewed at the Internal Revenue Service Conference Room, Fifth Floor, Federal Building, 275 Peachtree Street, and furnished the following information:

was on duty at the FBI Atlanta Office, Tenth Floor, Chief Clerk's Office (CCO), on this date. Before 11:00 a.m. the door bell rang and opened the door. She observed the Security Guard and a white male, about 6 feet tall, slender build, black hair with gray, enter. She saw a gun he was carrying which had a short handle and a long barrel. He said "The gun could fire of 8 rounds at a time, this is no joke, this is for real." asked "How did you get in?" The Security Guard said, "I thought he worked in the building and I let him in." The individual identified himself as "David" and said "Everyone sit down and stay calm." the Security Guard and herself were the only individuals in the CCO where they were situated. asked, "What do you want?" David said, "I want to talk to my priest and I want five FBI Agents." asked, Do you want us to call the SAC?" David said, "No he's black, I don't want to talk to a black agent. " He instructed tried to call Assistant to call someone else. Special Agent in Charge Toohey but no one answered. She and emotionally explained the situation. then called Dthen talked with David. She then received a call from her husband and advised him she could not talk to him because there was a man in the office with a gun. He asked "Should I call the police?" She answered "I don't know" and hung up. The Atlanta Police called a few minutes later and asked what was going on. David ordered her to hang up as he did not want the police. David then ordered everyone to go do their work.

Some time elapsed and he asked if anyone else was on the floor. They told him several other employees at the ISIS computer area were there. He ordered everyone back to the computer area where six employees were working. The Security Guard told the employees to remain calm and keep working. David then ordered the Security Guard and back to the

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CCO. Several more calls were made by the police and they advised to remain calm.

Support Personnel Employee (Last Name Unknown) then came to the office and opened the door. David said, "Get your hands up and get in here, what are you doing here?" said he came to make a telephone call.

David kept hearing noises and became increasingly nervous. When the door bell rang he ordered to answer it.

started crying and he started yelling "Go outside, leave, I don't want an upset person on my hands!" He ordered to call the Atlanta Police and tell them "if they start rushing me there will be some dead people!" then called Atlanta Police and conveyed the message.

He then ordered them back to the computer area where he told the ISIS employees to get their work and ordered everyone back to the Chief Clerk's Office.

Approximately one hour passed when the Ninth Floor alarm rang and two individuals, one an Atlanta Police SWAT team member, were observed in the television monitor. He became quite upset and yelled to get them off the floor. At this time Atlanta Officer Frank McClure was talking with him. would answer the phone for him and put McClure on his extension. During the same time the Bureau called and stayed on the line for about forty minutes.

He decided to allow three of the black female employees to leave as the Security Guard and Line (LNU) assured him they would provide a priest. David again became very upset as the press kept calling.

While talking to Atlanta Police Department Officer McClure by phone he asked who was hungry and told to act as a waitress and take orders. He then gave the order to McClure.

David then told everyone "Let's take a restroom break."

While pointing the gun toward the employees he motioned for them to move ahead of him. Said they walked to the Photo Lab restroom near the 5 and 6 squad area in front of David. The employees, black male, name unknown, wearing yellow and white striped shirt, the Security Guard, and started taking turns in the restroom. When the phone rang he ordered to answer it and return. He noticed the exit door near the Photo Lab was unlocked and locked it.

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After everyone was finished with the restroom, he ordered everyone to start back toward the CCO or east. He used the Security Guard to shield him from the main door by having him stand beside him. He ordered everyone to walk past the CCO area to the exit door by the Tech Coom room. He checked the door to be sure it was locked.

Archway of the main entrance.

And the black male employee was behind archway in front of and the black male employee was behind arch side of the hallway. Just after bavid on the lobby side or north side of the hallway. Just after the shots starting. Her reaction caused her to run around the archway wall in front of the main switchboard window. She remained frozen there until she heard the Security Guard call out to her to

She recognized one of the FBI Agent's voice who accompanied her to the Fifth Floor. She quickly glimpsed and saw a body on the floor. She noticed and in the CCO wounded lying near the mail rack. She never observed the sequence of events of how the shooting started. She refused to observe the body as she was escorted out.

come. He was in office. She did not hear gun fire and ran to



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After the hostage situation at the FBI Office, 275 Peachtree Street, Atlanta, Georgia, was terminated, Special Agent (SA) turned over to SA two handguns which he fired during the incident. These were one Smith and Wesson, Model 19, Serial No. K62204, which contained six spent rounds, and one Smith and Wesson, Model 60, Serial No. R110747, which contained three spent rounds and two rounds not fired. These weapons were maintained in SA possession until June 30, 1981, at which time they were turned over to SA

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After the hostage situation at the FBI Office, 275 Peachtree Street, Atlanta, Georgia, was terminated, Special Agent (SA) turned over to SA one Heckler and Koch machine gun, Model MP-5, Serial No. S93059, and two clips which contained the following: 1.) 14 9mm live rounds; 2.) 21 9mm live rounds.

The gun and clips were maintained by SA until June 30, 1981, at which time they were turned over to SA

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After the hostage situation at the FBI Office, 275 Peachtree Street, Atlanta, Georgia was terminated, the following spent rounds were located in the area where agents and police fired their weapons:

22 .30 caliber shell cases

11 9mm shell cases

These shell cases were maintained in Special Agent possession until June 30, 1981, at which time, they were turned over to Special Agent

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Office of the FBI, was interviewed concerning the entry into the Atlanta Office of the FBI by an unknown white male on June 28, 1981.

At approximately 11:00 a.m.

were working in the 7 Squad area. The unknown white male, who was carrying a machine gun in his left hand, accompanied by and a building security guard, entered the 7 Squad area. The white male said, "Who are these people?", and was told they were clerks. He asked if they were armed, then said he owned the building and that they should continue doing paperwork. The white male accompanied by the guard and then left the 7 Squad area. And the other employees discussed escaping through a stairwell but decided not to because of the alarm.

Approximately 15 minutes later, the white male, guard, and and possibly another employee, returned to the 7 Squad area and the white male ordered everyone to the Chief Clerk's Office (CCO). One of the employees did not move fast enough and the white male waved the gun at the employee and ordered the employee to move faster. The employees were ordered to sit in the area outside the Radio Room in the CCO.

Upon entering the CCO, moted that the guard was placed sitting in a chair in front of the door near the Indices. Another FBI employee, was sitting on the floor near the cabinets and the phones. The white male first took up a position to the right of the Night Clerk's desk and window and later moved behind the file cabinets in the Indices area.

Due to the fact that we will as not in a position to see very well and because of intermittent air conditioning noise, the beard and saw only part of the activity in the CCO. The following is an account of her recollection:

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The unknown white male talked on the telephone on several occasions. The first call that remembers was when the white male was describing an unknown black male weighing 210 - 220 pounds. He was also asking for a priest.

He sent to get sodas.

He talked to someone on the phone about Washington, D. C.

He remarked on the phone on at least one occasion that he did not trust whoever he was talking to. He also said on several occasions that he was not giving up his guns that they were his only protection.

On several occasions, he became agitated and said at least once that he would "clean the room out" if he were tricked or double-crossed.

the white male was holding the machine gun. She understood that the white male was moving the safety on and off on the machine gun.

The alarm went off on the 9th floor of the FBI office and the white male became very agitated telling whoever he was talking to over the phone to clear the building out and threatening that he better not be double-crossed or tricked. He also commented that he was getting upset and he did not want anyone to upset him.

overheard him say on the phone that he knew the FBI would be open and he was hoping that "some of you" would be there. She also heard him say on different occasions, "I'm in charge", and "You must do what I say".

At around 12:00 noon, she overheard him say that "If I let three people go, you will think I am weak." He then ordered to move over near him in the CCO. There was a knock on the door and he again became agitated pointing his gun toward the door and telling whoever that he was talking to that someone was banging on the door.

He then let go and as they left he screamed, "Close the door".

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noted that he kept the machine gun in his left hand or near him all of the time. He had a brown duffle bag which he also moved with him when he moved from the Night Clerk area into the Indices cabinets.

also indicated that the white male advised that he had been involved in terrorist activity, drugs, and assaults.

## described the white male as follows:

Race:

White

Sex:

Male

Age:

Approximately 35

Height:

5'11"

Build:

Thin

Facial Features: Rings under eyes, skeletal looking face

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Hair:

Light, possibly graying

Dress:

Dark shirt (possibly green or blue) Short machine gun in left hand;

Weapons:

military belt with pouches and gun stuck in belt; shoulder holster with

weapon

added that at approximately 10:30 a.m., on were returning to the June 28, 1981, she and Federal Building. They observed a white male, 5'7" tall, thin build, wearing dirty jeans and sneakers, standing in the lobby. She does not know if this person has anything to do with the entry into FBI space by the white male.

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At approximately 1:30 p.m., June 28, 1981, Special Agent in Charge (SAC) John D. Glover, Atlanta Division, advised Supervisor to instruct all SWAT Team members that their orders in the hostage situation which existed at the FBI Office were as follows:

- 1.) In the event gunfire was heard to emanate from within the 10th floor office space, they were to force entry and terminate the hostage situation.
- 2.) In the event the hostage situation could be terminated by shooting the hostage taker with minimal chance of harm coming to the hostages, then the hostage taker should be shot.

The above decision was made by SAC Glover based upon information provided which demonstrated that the hostage taker was in possession of a fully automatic sub-machine gun, that he had advised the hostages that he did not care how many he had to kill, but that the world would know about him before the day was over, and that he threatened the hostages by placing the machine gun to their heads. It was further noted that according to Hostage Negotiator Frank McClure of the Atlanta Police Department, the hostage taker's voice was becoming increasingly more erratic and unstable.

Supervisor advised SWAT Team Leader Special Agent and other members of the Atlanta FBI SWAT Team of the above instructions.

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File Clerk, FBI Headquarters, is temporarily assigned to the Atlanta Division of the FBI. is assigned to work in the FBI space occupied by the ISIS computer on the 10th floor of the Federal Building located at 275 Peachtree Street, N.E. is residing at the Ladha Hotel, 70 Houston Street, N.E., Room 407.

At approximately 11:00 am on June 28, 1981, was working the 7:00 am - 3:00 pm shift in the ISIS area with five other clerks assigned to the ISIS area:



A GSA guard, two female clerks of the Atlanta Division, who work at the switchboard near the main entrance to the 10th floor and an unknown white male entered the ISIS area. The white male was armed with a weapon and is described as

Sex
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Height
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Clothing

Male
White
40-45
5 feet 10-11 inches
180 pounds

Silver gray Light colored shirt and pants

Shoulder holster - no weapon

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The white male was carrying a weapon, Army green in color, not a revolver or rifle, but had a barrel approximately 12 inches in length and a barrel diameter of 2 inches to 3 inches.

was upset with what she was observing and thereafter tried very hard not to look at or in the direction of the white male.

The GSA guard told everyone to be calm and stay still.

The white male asked who these people were. One of the Atlanta

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Office clerks answered they (referring to and the five ISIS clerks) were doing paperwork. The white male asked if anyone had any guns to which and the five other ISIS clerks indicated or said no. The white male told and the five other ISIS clerks to continue doing their paperwork and left with the GSA guard and two Atlanta Office clerks.

Seand the five other ISIS clerks stayed in the ISIS area and after a brief discussion as to what to do, they decided to sit and wait.

Approximately 20-30 minutes later, also an ISIS clerk, an Atlanta Office clerk, a GSA guard and the white male returned to the ISIS area. told and the five other ISIS clerks to pick up their work and follow them. The white male, in a loud voice, told everyone to pick up their work and come on. and the five others picked up their work and left the ISIS area. The white male yelled at and told him to "move it". Everyone proceeded down the hallway to the main CCO mea in the vicinity of the switchboard and main entrance way. The told everyone to sit down anyplace and stay low. The white male told and the five other ISIS clerks to move to the back of the CCO area and to continue working. and the five other ISIS clerks did this. moved the farthest away from the white male. was very upset and continued to avoid looking in the direction of or at the white male. The white male stayed in the area of the main door and switchboard. The air conditioner for the CCO area continually cycled on and off and this noise prevented from hearing what was being said while the air conditioner was on due to the distance she was sitting from the white male. The white male gave directions to the switchboard operator and talked on the telephone. The white male observed Atlanta Police Department (APD) SWAT personnel on the TV monitoring the 9th floor and told the switchboard operator to tell them to leave The white male told someone on the telephone that he had been arrested for assault and possession of marijuana. The white male also said that he was not planning on giving up or surrendering because that would show some kind of weakness.

The white male told and two other female ISIS clerks to get up and leave. The many and two other female ISIS clerks departed the main door on the 10th floor.

stated that the white male never made a direct oral threat to her but that he had the gun pointed at someone all the time.

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Federal Bureau of Investigation Clerk, residence telephone number after being advised of the official identity of the interviewing Agent as well as the purpose of the interview, provided the following information: stated he is currently assigned to the FBI Headquarters in Washington, D. C., and is on temporary assignment to the Atlanta Division working on the ISIS Special. then related his recollection of the events which occurred on June 28, 1981, in the FBI Office in Atlanta, Georgia: arrived at the office at 275 Peachtree Street, Atlanta, Georgia, approximately 11:00 - 11:15 a.m. Upon approaching the outside doors he met four Atlanta Police Department (APD) officers who wanted to enter the building.
One of the APD officers told of a possible hostage situation at the reception desk at the FBI Office. opened the outside doors and described the minth floor FBI reception area to the police officers. The police officers let him out of the elevator on the tenth floor and left to return to the ninth floor. opened the double doors on the tenth floor and observed a white male standing just inside the glass enclosure and doorway of the Chief Clerk's Office (CCO) area. The white male stated "Get in here and play it cool and you won't get hurt." The white male stated he did not want to hurt anyone, he just wanted to talk to his chaplain about his personal problem and he would let everyone go. described the white male as being 5' 11" -5' 12", 135-140 pounds, 32-35 years old, clean shaven with bushy eyebrows. The white male wore blue jeans, blue tennis shoes and a white short sleeve dress shirt. The white male had in his hands a small automatic machine gun with one ammo clip inserted in the machine gun with three additional ammo clips in an Army type ammo belt. He also wore a shoulder holster under his left shoulder with a blue steel revolver. The white male had with him a bronze/brown (tennis type) athletic bag in which noticed a revolver, cigarettes 6/28/81 AT 89B-255 Atlanta, Georgia

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and gloves with the fingers cut out.

male later tried the left glove on and held his machine gun in the palm of the glove. The white male then pulled the glove off and threw it in his bag cursing.

stated he supposed the glove was to be used to protect the white male's hand in case he had to use his machine gun and it became hot.

noticed once he came through the doors he saw a GSA Security Guard,

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sitting in the CCO area bening the glass enclosure. No one was bound or gagged.

The white male asked what was doing there.

replied he was working overtime and awaiting a telephone call from his mother,

sked the white male if he had a cause for this action and the white male replied that he had a cause but did not elaborate.

got up and left the office through the tenth floor double doors.

stated other ISIS personnel were in the Squad 7 area and before she left, had told him the white male knew they were back there. The white male called his secretary and used her to answer the incoming telephone calls. The white male received a telephone call from someone in law enforcement and stated he wanted to talk to his chaplain who believed to have the last name of Richardson. The white male told he had a personal problem and the chaplain was the only person who could solve it. During this time and the Security Guard talked with the white male who was becoming nervous, pacing and chain smoking. \_\_\_\_asked the white male if he could get a Coke. The white male stated he could get a Coke and instructed the late of the get a Coke for him also. and went into the snack room, purchased and opened one Coke and got three canned Cokes from the refrigerator. returned to the CCO and the white male stated he did not want his Coke opened and gave to cents to purchase another Coke. purchased a second Coke and returned to the CCO area.

advised more telephone calls were received by the white male and recalled the white male repeating the name "Frank" and the name "Negotiator". The white male repeated his instructions to locate the chaplain and to bring the chaplain to the office. The white male stated the chaplain is from a local Southwest Atlanta cigar box church who used to work during 1980 at the Georgia Regional Hospital where he (the white male) was a patient.

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advised during this time FBI Headquarters called and talked with the white male. He identified himself as being called "Divade" and told FBI Headquarters to call him "Friend". Stated the white male received intermediate calls from the press which just infuriated him. The white male would not turn the radio on due to the possibility of hearing a news broadcast and becoming angry.

recalled the ninth floor alarm going off in the radio room and the white male noticed through the television monitor that the SWAT Team with shotguns were on the ninth floor. The white male became upset and wanted the floor cleared by 1:25 p.m. At this time, approximately 1:05 - 1:10 p.m., the white male stated if he was rushed he would kill everyone.

Inoticed the white male read the clock backwards, i.e. read 1:05 as being 5:01 as well as calling him

The white male kept asking about the chaplain and watched the television monitor off and on.

the other ISIS personnel, tebphoned the CCO area. Afterwards the white male instructed to tell to hang up the phone. The white male next took and the Security Guard and instructed them to walk in front of him back to the 7 Squad area to get the ISIS personnel. They entered the ISIS Room and told the six clerks, three black females and three black males, to pick up their work and follow him. He followed the group back to the CCO area. The white male placed the six black ISIS personnel in the CCO area behind the radio and NCIC rooms. The Security Guard and were placed back in the CCO area behind the glass window.

advised the white male then received additional calls from the police and PBI Headquarters. Someone convinced the white male to release three of the hostages. The white male stated that after he released three of the hostages, if any further talk regarding the release of any other hostages occurred it would result in the death of the rest of the hostages.

The white male then told the person on the telephone to make the choice of who to release and the white male told the three black females to leave.

left the office through the tenth floor double doors.

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The white male told that he would be his personal bodyguard. was instructed to check the tenth floor elevator twice. The first time he checked the hallway saw people in the bathrooms but did not tell the white male. The second time checked the hallway the lights were out and the white male told to shut the door and he pulled back.

While the white male was on the telephone he mentioned the fact he was in jail for four years on drug and evasion of arrest charges. The white male stated over the phone that he was a schizophrenic. The white male was becoming nervous and was clicking the safety switch on his machine gun on and off. He asked what he thought would happen. replied he thought the police were thinking it would be easier for him to control fewer hostages. The Security Guard asked if he could have a bathroom break. The white male agreed and lined all the hostages up for a trip to the Photo Lab bathroom. The white male kept approximately one foot in front of him as a shield. The white male checked the latch on the exit door in the hallway near the Photo Lab. After everyone went to the bathroom he marched the group to the other end of the hallway using the Security Guard as his personal shield. While at the other end of the building the white male checked the latch on the other exit door and stated "Y'all turn around and return to the corral." Part way down the hall he instructed the group to "liven up the step" which they did.

was first in line and advised he heard three to four single rifle or handgun shots from behind. Stated he immediately hit the floor and crawled into the CCO area underneath a desk. Then heard two additional shots and noticed had followed him into the CCO. Und not hear any rapid machine gun fire. The next thing recalled was seeing a white male (FBI Agent) who came in and asked "Where are the hostages? Are they OK?"

saw lying on the floor and noticed had a cut on his shoulder. was wounded in the upper left thigh. A medic came in and attended who was apparently hyperventilating. Special Agent came and took to Level 1B in the building to find out if he was okay and then returned to the Fifth Floor Executive Board Room.

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stated he recalled the white male describing the chaplain as being a black male, approximately 6 feet, 220 pounds. The white male stated several times that he would "cut everyone down" and "kill" the hostages if he was challenged or rushed. The white male asked if he "didn't want to fit in a pine box? replied "No, I want to live a few more years." The white male stated "I would think you would want to live more than a few more years."

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Creek Park Golf Course, 2706 Bouldercrest Road, Boutheast, Decatur, Georgia, telephone number 241-7945, was contacted at his place of employment and he advised as follows:

He has known Morris Roberts for approximately two years. He did not know Roberts well. Roberts was a loner, kept to himself and felt life owed him something.

Roberts was paranoid. He was afraid that someone was out to get him. He loved guns and knew a lot about them. Roberts always had a gun, believed to be a .38 caliber revolver. He remembers seeing Roberts target shooting with this revolver last summer at Sugar Creek Park Golf Course at the South River.

Roberts hated manual labor, but liked to ride on the movers.

Roberts was from somewhere in Texas. He has heard Roberts make statements that he hated his parents.

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6/29/81 Date of transcription , was interviewed at the Office, Atlanta, Georgia. Prior to the interview, informed of the identity of Special Agent FBI, and was advised that the nature of the inquiry concerned herself and other FBI employees who were held hostage by Morris E. Roberts, Jr., on June 28, 1981. provided the following information: had been employed with the FBI for approximately 5% years and is currently a Supervisor for Data Processing. is temporarily assigned at the Atlanta Division to work the ATKID Special as a Data Transcriber. On June 28, 1981, arrived at the FBI Office, Atlanta, Georgia, at approximately 6:30 a.m. The only person observed was the Night Clerk went back to the computer terminal located in the FBI Office and by approximately 8:00 a.m. the other Data Processing employees were at work on the terminals. These employees were Around 11:05 a.m. observed a GSA Security Guard (name unknown) and an unknown white male (subsequently identified as Morris E. Roberts, Jr.) in the computer terminal area located in the FBI office. Morris was carrying a gun and the Security Guard was walking in front of Morris. The gun was described by was looking like a military weapon. Roberts was carrying the weapon at this time by his side pointing towards the floor. Roberts then asked the Security Guard what the Data Processing people were doing and the guard replied that the employees were clerks doing paperwork. Roberts asked the 6/28/81 Atlanta, Georgia

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Data Processing personnel if they had any weapons and their reply was negative. Roberts then instructed the employees to continue working and he, and the Security Officer left the Data Processing area.

All the Data Processing people sat around in the work area for approximately thirty minutes and the Security Guard and returned to the Data Processing area. Informed the people in the Data Processing area that Roberts wanted everyone in the Chief Clerk's Office (CCO). Roberts was facing the hosages pointing the gun in their direction and the hostages were led away to the CCO followed by Roberts.

Once in the CCO and the other hostages stayed in the vicinity of the Records and Administrative Services Office. Roberts stayed in the vicinity of the glass window and indices cabinets, giving him a diagonal view of vision of the hostages. Hostage and were in the vicinity of Roberts.

While in the CCO the teletype bell rang and Roberts wanted to know what this meant. Advised Roberts that it was a teletype bell and subsequently the left the hostage area of the CCO and did not see that again while being held hostage.

While in the CCO Roberts was talking on the telephone located near the plate glass window and on two occasions overheard two phrases made by Roberts. The first phrase Roberts said something to the effect that he had a record for terrorism and assault with a weapon. The second phrase Roberts said something to the effect "these people want their lives".

Around 2:00 p.m. Roberts was talking on the telephone and asked for three female hostages.

walked towards the hallway door of the CCO while Roberts covered them with his weapon. The hallway door leading to the elevators was open by FBI Agents who took the three female employees down the elevator.

advised that while she was a hostage she avoided looking at Roberts as much as possible and therefore did not observe

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Roberts doing anything with the weapon he was holding. Due to the noise in the CCO did did not hear anything except the partial conversations that Roberts made while talking on the telephone.

described Roberts' demeanor as being calm most of the time while she and the others were being held hostage; however, during some of the telephone conversations Roberts became very excited and raised his voice.

did not observe Roberts physically abuse any of the hostages, however, she was cognizant of the fact that she and the other FBI personnel were being held hostage by Roberts and that her life and the life of the other hostages were in danger.

did not overhear or observe anything that would lead her to believe that Roberts was acting with someone else in the takeover of the FBI Office.

described Roberts as a white male, approximately 5' 8" to 5' 9", medium build, approximately 170 pounds, 30-35 years of age, brown/gray hair and holding a weapon in his right hand. She believes Roberts was wearing a green shirt, however, she could provide no further description of Roberts or what Roberts was wearing.

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On June 28, 1981 Support Staff, Atlanta Division of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), furnished the following information concerning the events of that day:

She stated she was working the \$:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. shift as the Security Patrol Clerk. About 11:00 a.m., the bell rang at the Tenth Floor door. went to the door, looked through the peephole and saw a building security guard, a man she knows as (Last Name Unknown), standing there. opened the door part way and noticed that the guard was very pale. She said "Can I help you?" The guard nodded his head, gesturing to his right. It looked over to her left and saw a white man, about 6' 1", or 6' 2", standing in the corner. He was holding a machine gun with its muzzle pointed up, cradled in his right arm. In his left hand, he was holding a gym bag.

The man, now pointing the weapon at both of them, told them to go inside and he followed behind. They proceeded into the Chief Clerk's Office (CCO) area and the man sat down on the edge of a desk just to the left of the doorway to the CCO. Another FBI employee, was standing by a table in the CCO area.

man, "What do you want." The man replied, "I want to speak to my chaplain and an PBI Agent." I said, "All right". She and then went to the telephone switchboard and asked "Who should I call?" areplied "Glover". The man said, "No, he's a black guy, I want to speak to a white Agent." Tookey but the line was either busy or there was no answer. The man sked, "Who else should I call?" Said "Humber Soven" (Number 7 Squad Supervisor call?" Squad Supervisor call?" Said "Humber Soven" (Number 7 Squad Supervisor call?" Squad Supervisor call?" Said "Humber Soven" (Number 7 Squad Supervisor call?" Said "Humber Soven" (Number 7 Squad Supervisor call?" Squad S

went on that when the man was through talking on the phone, he came out and said "Don't you have anything to do?" They replied "Yes". When the back to stamping mail and resumed work on her ticklers.

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advised that the man then asked, "Anybody else here?" "Treplied "Yes". The man said, "Where are they?" said, "They are back there," pointing towards the east end of the building. The man asked, "Are they Agents?" responded, "No, Clerks."

The man then marched the three of them down the hall with the gun pointing at them. When they arrived at the area where the employees were working, and said to them, "There's a guy here ---". The man interrupted and said, "Just keep on doin' what you're doin'." The man then marched the three people back to the CCO area and told the girls to get on with their work. He instructed the guard to sit down in a chair by the desk leading to the CCO. The guard asked the man if he wanted his gun. The man said, "no, just sit there."

stated she asked the man if she could go to the ladies room. The man asked, "Where is it?" said "Right down the hall," pointing to the west end of the building. The man said, "go ahead."

advised that when she emerged from the ladies room into the corridor, she noticed that the man was not there, so she unlatched the exit door of the stairwell as she walked by.

was sitting at the next desk. Advised she started to cry. The man said, "Don't get upset, I'm not going to hurt you." He came over and patted her on the back vigorously. Then came over to comfort her and the man said to "See what you can do."

"What's that?" responded, "That's the door bell." The man said, "Let him in." went to the door and opened it while the man stood watching with the gun pointed at the door.

(Last Name Unknown), an FBI Clerk, came in. The man said, "He an Agent?" replied, "No, he's just a Clerk." The man asked something which did not hear and replied "I've come to call my mother." The man said something to the effect "on Gover?ment phones?" said no or words to that effect. The man then told to make his phone call, which he did, but apparently there was no answer. States that she is not sure is came in before or after she went to the ladies room.)

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went on that within four or five minutes, the door bell rang again and someone knocked on the door. The man told her to go to the door. He got up at the same time.

called out, "Who's there?" Someone replied "Police".

turned and asked the man, "Do you want me to open it?" The man said, "Yes".

then opened the door, did not see anybody and turned to the man saying, "There's nobody there." The man said, "Close the door and stand aside."

walked over to her right by the glass partition at the switchboard and began to cry. The man said something to the effect "go". advised she went out the door and heard someone say "Over here". She walked over to the elevator next to the ladies restroom. The elevator contained three Atlanta Police officers and another police officer standing at the ladies room door. The police officers asked about the situation inside the PBI space including a description of the man, clothing and weapons.

stated that the basement elevator opened which contained a black FBI Agent she recognized along with some police officers. Told the FBI Agent that the stairwell door was unlatched. Then one of the police officers in her elevator left and walked across to the fan room, while and the remaining two police officers went down in the elevator to the first floor guards' room.

advised that while she was held, the man appeared calm, not authoritarian, but noises seemed to bother him, and every time he heard a noise, he would ask "what's that?" stated that the man acted like he knew how to handle the weapon he was carrying and she recalled he had a pouch attached to his belt on his left side which assumed contained ammunition.

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Atlanta, Georgia, was interviewed in the Atlanta FBI Office concerning the hostage situation in the FBI office. furnished the following information:

He and Patrolman were stationed outside the Tenth Floor entrance in the elevator area. They heard shots inside the FBI office and moved toward the entrance to the office. Shortly afterward, he heard someone inside yell, "All clear", and the door was opened from the inside. As he entered the FBI office, he saw the suspect lying on his back to the left of the entrance. The suspect was apparently dead. He then went immediately to the aid of a hostage who was wounded.

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Officer 165 Decatur Street, furnished the following information:

He stated he is assigned to Zone 5, and at approximately 11:20 a.m., he was at the FBI Building, 275 Peachtree Street, on the 10th floor, responding to a hostage situation. He stated that at approximately 11:25 - 11:30 a.m., he was watching the front door from the men's room and observed a white male, wearing a yellow shirt and white shorts, with blond hair, standing in the doorway. At this time, he heard an individual in back of this person state, "If you rush this door, I'll start killing people".

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Officer 7, 165 Decatur Street, Atlanta, Georgia, furnished the following information;

Officer stated he is assigned to Zone 5, and that on June 28, 1981, at approximately 11:00 a.m., he monitored a call over the police radio that a person was armed and holding the receptionist hostage at 275 Peachtree Street, at the FBI Building. He stated he was at another call at the time, but left and immediately went to 275 Peachtree Street, went up the elevator to the 10th floor with his Sergeant and a maintenance man from the building.

with his Sergeant and a maintenance man from the building.

He stated that from this vantage point, he observed a white male with a gun move about in FBI office space. He stated that he heard this individual with a gun say that "he did not care how many people he had to kill but by the end of the day they were going to know who we were". He further advised that he observed this individual bring the hostages down the hall with a machine gun pointed at them.

Officer further stated that he heard the phone ring and saw the individual with the weapon pick it up and heard him shout, "I want to know how Channel 5 found out about this - Oh, they're monitoring the police radio". He stated he heard the individual say he had nothing to say at that time and hung the phone up.

Officer stated he left when the SWAT Team arrived.

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Epocial Agent, Pederal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), voluntarily provided the following information:

At approximately 11:00 am, June 28, 1981, he was advised by Special Agent there was a man with a gun that had taken over the FBI Office. His instructions were to call his SWAT team members and proceed to a paved parking lot one block north of the office. He attempted to contact Special Agent Special Agent At approximately 11:10 am, he proceeded to the office and arrived at approximately 11:35 am. There were no Bureau cars located in the designated parking area so he proceeded to the Federal Building at 275 Peachtree Street in which the FBI Office is located on the ninth and tenth floors.

Upon arriving at that location he saw the Special Agent in Charge John D. Glover who instructed him to remove the press from the property. He then moved his automobile to the basement under the Federal Building where he saw Special Agent who is the SWAT Team Coordinator for the Atlanta FBI Office. Special Agent issued him a Hak 9mm automatic, serial number 93059 MP-5. He donned his body armour and proceeded to the staging area which was the Federal Protective Office located on the first floor. At approximately 11:53 am, he and others were instructed by Supervisor mand SWAT Coordinator to take the elevator to the tenth floor and divide themselves into two groups. Half of the men were to enter the men's room and the other half were to enter the ladies room. 12:15 pm, Supervisor came to the tenth floor men's room and instructed him to meet SWAT Coordinator on the first floor. After reaching the first floor he was given an Atlanta Police Department radio by the Special Agent in Charge and was told to call SWAT Coordinator on the ninth floor. He met with and Atlanta Police Department SWAT members at the east end of the ninth floor.

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From this vantage point he could see a portion of the hall and the

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administrative and records area.

At approximately 1:15 pm, he overheard who is the SWAT Coordinator for the Atlanta Police Department, give instructions to use deadly force against the individual holding the FBI employees as hostage should the opportunity arise. He received the same instructions from Special Agent the individual move back and forth at least three times inside the office. Each time the individual had a weapon approximately 24 to 30 inches long aimed at the hostages' head. The individual then released three black female hostages. Around 2:15 pm, he heard the individual advise the hostages, "We are going to take a restroom break. One of the female hostages advised the individual there was a restroom down the hall. He then observed the individual take six hostages to the west end of the building holding a weapon on the last hostage. At this time no one was in sight, however, there were three incoming telephone calls for which returned to the switchboard. After handling the calls she returned to the west end of the building with the other hostages. Ten to twelve minutes later six hostages and the individual proceeded toward the east end of the building

They proceeded east until they were no longer in view. This was about 2:30 pm. Also located with him were Special Agent armed with a shotgun, Special Agent armed with a handgun and the Atlanta Police Department SWAT officer armed with an automatic weapon. Approximately one or two minutes later he heard voices proceeding back toward the administrative and records area. All the hostages passed that the armed individual in the rear being off the left shoulder of the Federal Protective officer. According to the instructions he had received, he placed his weapon on fully automatic and from a kneeling position fired one or two bursts, possibly ten to fifteen rounds, into the rear upper torso of the armed individual at which time the individual fell.

he could do this someone said, "He's still moving. At least two more shots were fired at the individual from a handgun. He proceeded toward the individual lying in the hall. He observed no further threat and entered the administrative and records area, removing one blond haired clerical employee from under a desk. He then observed two of the hostages had been injured at which time he pointed them out to the charge of the Atlanta Rescue Units, to render first aid.

Also present during a portion of this interview was of the Atlanta Police Bureau.

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Agent and the official nature of the inquiry. Also present
during this interview was
Officer for Region 4, business address Richard B. Russell Building,
Atlanta, Georgia, and Chief Investigator
Richard B. Russell Building, Atlanta, Georgia.

advised at 10:55 am, a subject described as a white male, salt and pepper hair, approximately 45 years old, 5 feet 10 inches, 185 pounds, wearing a leather or leather looking jacket and carrying a brown cloth bag in his right hand had rung the night bell.

was waving with his hand and pointing at the front door. Subject said "I work here". It is now at the outside door and says to the subject "Where do you work?". At this time subject dropped the cloth bag in his right hand and an automatic weapon appeared which the subject placed against the glass. Subject said "let me in or I will kill you", so that the let him in. Subject stated "I want to go to the FBI on the 10th floor". Subject had his gun in the stomach at this time. Subject took service revolver from his holster. This service revolver was a Model 15, Smith and Wesson, 4 inch blue steel, serial number 8K58211.

Bubject said "let's go". He then told to walk to the elevators and said saw him put his, weapon in his bag.

They moved across the lobby to the elevator, pushed the button, one of the elevators opened and they got in. The elevator went all the way to the 10th floor and the subject had pushed the 10th floor button after they had gotten into the elevator. and the subject got off the elevator. The subject told to come into the lobby way on the 10th floor

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and be still. The subject looked at the door which was the entrance to the FBI space and said "that's it isn't it".

Subject told to stand in front of the door and mash the bell. Subject acted like he knew that there was a spy look-out hole in the door in advance of coming into the 10th floor area.

In FBI employee, obviously recognized and opened the door before could say anything. The subject then pushed the automatic weapon in her face and said "let's go in" or "let's go on in".

We went into the FBI space. had a very shocked look on her face and was at the switchboard. At this time there were only and and in the switchboard area being held hostage by the subject.

asked the subject what he wanted and it was obvious that the subject did not care to answer him. did recall that on the way upstairs in the elevator to the FBI space that the subject had said he wanted to go up to the FBI because he had some business to take care of.

Subject continued to talk in circles, never specifically stated why he was in the FBI space, asked questions about the switchboard and who was calling in on the FBI switchboard. The above would have occurred at approximately 12:15 pm, June 28. 1981.

started crying and breaking down. The subject told her "don't worry" he did not plan on hurting anybody. The subject put his hand on her shoulder, calmed down for a few minutes but then continued to get worse and worse. The subject stated on numerous occasions when the news media would call in that he was going to kill all of his hostages. After heard this she got much worse and subject finally said "I can't put up with this. You just leave", the subject was referring to started going to the door, she thought he was going to shoot her in the back. Told her to go on he was not going to hurt her. When the exited the front door on the 10th floor, the subject and saw an individual in a white shirt in the hallway that infuriated subject. The lights were off in the hallway so the individual in the white shirt stood out.

The subject had been conversing with numerous people on the telephone and told whoever he was talking to assumes one of the hostage negotiators, that if all the police were not taken off the 10th floor he was going to kill everybody. 67C

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Subject asked if anybody else was on the floor and the remaining hostages answered yes. At about this time who was a support employee of the FBI, entered the space and this would have been at approximately 12:30 pm, before left.

Subject then took himself and back to where the six clerical employees were working in the ISIS area, where there were three black females and three black males working. Subject told them to take all their paper work and he took them all up to the Chief Clerk's Office (CCO) area. When they arrived up there he told them all to go to the rear of the area up against the wall by the Hyatt Regency and told them to start working on whatever they had been doing.

Phone calls from the news media continued to come in which really made the subject mad. Subject stated that he did not want the press to have any information at all.

Subject again talking to the hostage negotiators on the telephone told them that he, the subject, wanted them to do this and that regarding the press. It was obvious from the nature of his phone conversations with the hostage negotiators that the negotiators were attempting to get him to let some of the hostages go. Subject said what good is that going to do me. Subject was talking about three and three, three now, three later.

. The subject had a very strange look on his face like a mad dog and would gnarl, growl and grind his teeth. Several times subject put the phone down and said he just did not want to talk but he would pick the phone up again in a short period of time and continue talking. He told us that he did not want to hurt anybody. Subject said "I am getting nervous and they are getting nervous". Subject pointed in the corner and let three black females go which left three black males, and himself.

Subject then asked if they wanted food and asked what they wanted. The masked everybody what they wanted and everybody told her what they wanted. When asked him he initially said nothing and then he changed his mind and said I will take whatever everybody else is having. The final order that the subject made was seven hamburgers, two chocolate shakes, five Cokes and seven french fries.

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Everybody needed to go to the bathroom. The subject took them all down to the photo room area and let them go to the bathroom one at a time while he covered the other five in the hallway. When they were done going to the bathroom he placed five of them in the phone.

The subject saw a man standing on the balcony across at the Hyatt House. He placed the hostages in front of him to act as a body shield. This was approximately 2:00 pm.

Subject noticed an exit door to the left of office which he went and threw the dead bolt on. Subject had also previously thrown the dead bolt on the front door prior to proceeding to the bathroom area.

Subject told all of us to get in front of him. He told me I was going to be his body shield. Stated that previously had been his body shield. We all walked down the hallway toward the 4 squad area, pass the CCO on the way to the second exit door. The subject locked the dead bolt on this door too.

He told us to get in front of him and go into the CCO area. We started walking toward the CCO area. When we were 30 to 40 feet away from the doorway, he pushed his gun into my back and said go faster.

Just then bullets started going every where, one hitting him in the radio which is located on his hip, glass and other material was flying every where. Stated that he thought he had been shot.

looked down and saw the subject lying on the floor and the subject was trying to pull the bolt on his automatic weapon. This was after the first volley of rounds had been fired. Stated that the subject was looking at him as if he was going to shoot him, so kicked the gun out of the way. At this time a second volley of rounds was fired at the subject and then the subject was finally still. ran down the hall and did the same thing while the shooting in the second volley was still going on. stated that he did not know where the other hostages had gone.

descriptive data regarding the subject other than furnished above; however, he believed the subject was wearing Levi's, color not recalled. Stated that it was his opinion that the subject was going to kill people.

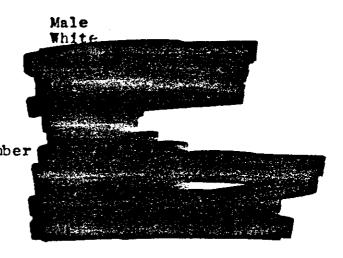
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Georgia, was interviewed at his residence.

white male individual who resided in the apartment of 56B Bouldercrest Lane by sight only. Be had never spoken to the individual and did not know anything about him. He had never seen anyonc else at the individual's apartment, either living or visiting there. That lived at those apartments since August of 1980, and the white male individual, whose name was Roberts, was living there at the time moved in.

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Richard Earl Jenkins, Jr., telephone number advised that he is currently employed at the Fulton County Adult Probation Office, Room 300, 160 Pryor Street, Atlanta, Georgia, telephone number 572-2931 and 572-2440, and he is also employed as a part-time mailer at the Atlanta Constitution. He was employed by Georgia Regional Hospital as a chaplain's intern and as a case worker until March 10, 1981, and is currently studying for the Presbyterian Ministry.

He stated that he did not recognize the name Robert E. Morris readily as one of his patients at the Georgia Regional Hospital but after some minutes of discussion remembered Morris when it was asked if he remembered a patient who displayed racial prejudices. At this point he snapped his fingers and indicated that he believes the individual being discussed is a patient who he dealt with in late 1980 at Georgia Regional Hospital. On some occasions the patient was contacting him three times a day and later left a letter for him at the hospital which he cannot locate at this time.

He stated that the patient discussed about being from Alabama and his father owning land and he described him as a manic depressive but was not familiar with the treatment or medication being provided to the patient. He has not heard from this individual since late 1980.

He provided the names of several people at Georgia Regional Hospital who might be able to provide further information, i.e. Doug Cree, Records Section, Georgia Regional Hospital; Dr. Thaliath; Dr. James Kilpatrick; Dr. Hernandez; and a Dr. Choi.

Also present for this interview was Atlanta Police
Department Intelligence Sergeant

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Richard Earl Jenkins, Jr., was contacted at Room 300, 160 Pryor Street, Atlanta, Georgia.

Jenkins was shown a xerox copy of the driver's license of Morris E. Roberts, Jr. He readily identified the photograph on this driver's license as depicting the patient he recalled in the interview on June 28, 1981, who he had dealt with at the Georgia Regional Hospital.

He stated that he had discussed with Mr. Roberts' father in Dallas on Sunday evening this matter and expressed his condolences. He indicated the father was sorry that it happened and stated that he knew his son had problems.

He recalled that Roberts had been treated at Terrell State Hospital in Dallas, Texas, prior to coming to Atlanta.

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Special Agent (SA Atlanta Office of the FBI, provided the following information:

advised he was positioned

FBI office space, 10th floor, Federal Building, 275
Peachtree Street, Atlanta, Georgia, Sunday afternoon,
June 28, 1981.

advised he had been positioned

since about 12:30 p.m., with SAs

and Atlanta Police Department (APD) SWAT Team Officer

in front of him and a small portion of the activity in the hallway immediately in front of the Chief Clerk's Office (CCO).

he had observed Clerical Employee (Last Name Unknown) be escorted into the corridor by a white male carrying an automatic weapon pointed at the clerk's head.

On another occasion observed the white male escort the five Clerical Employees and one GSA guard out of the CCO, turn left down the main corridor toward Peachtree Street, single file. observed this white male at the rear of the line with the automatic weapon pointed at the back of the head of the individual who was last in line. Approximately 10 minutes later, he escorted the entire group back into the CCO.

advised one or two minutes later, they left the CCO, turned right, and proceeded toward Ivy Street with the Clerical Employees single file and the GSA guard immediately in front of this white male. The individual was holding the gun pointed at the back of the GSA guard's head. They proceeded down the hallway where they remained for approximately one minute, after which they returned toward the CCO in the same order. As they passed

observed the clerks and GSA guard still in single file formation with the individual at the very end of the line, the gun still held at the head of the GSA guard.

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As the line cleared the doorway toward the main entranceway, the individual presented a clear, unobstructed target. At this time.

Eaid, "Now", to SA and Officer

and fired his .357 magnum Bureau-issued revolver

at the individual. Simultaneously,

pened fire with a Heckler and Koch sub-machine gun, and an M-2 .30 caliber carbine. After emptying his .357 magnum pistol,

advised to cease firing, that the individual appeared to be dead.

Insisted this individual was still moving and was attempting to get the gun in his shoulder holster.

Advised he looked at the individual and the individual was moving. He stated he then fired three more shots into the individual from his Model 60, Smith and Wesson revolver.

At this point, the individual was on the floor in the doorway leading to the main entranceway of the FBI space.

advised he observed the individual, and the individual was no longer moving and appeared to be dead. He then went in and checked on the hostages in the CCO to see if there were any injuries and noted that two clerks had been injured.

made available a .357 magnum pistol, Serial No. K622046, and this pistol had six spent .38 +P caliber rounds in the cylinder. also made available a Smith and Wesson Model 60, five shot pistol, Serial No. R110747, and it was observed there were three spent .38 caliber +P cartridges in the cylinder of this weapon plus two live rounds.

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, a State of Georgia licensed surgeon, examined Morris E. Roberts, Jr., at the Atlanta Office of the FBI, at approximately 3:15 p.m.

He determined there was no pulse, no blood pressure, no heart beat, no respiration: the eyes were fixed and dilated; and, there were multiple gunshot wounds in the body.

Based on the above findings, he was pronounced dead at the scene.

stated when the shooting started, he was in the Fifth Floor Conference Room and rendered medical attention.

He examined an FBI Clerk, and noted he had what appeared to be fragmented glass wounds to the right lower extremity and to the left thigh.

He also examined another FBI Clerk, who had what appeared to be a gunshot wound to the left thigh.

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Special Agent (SA) , was contacted at the Atlanta Office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) where he voluntarily provided the following information:

During the latter part of the hostage incident that occurred on the 10th floor of the FBI space, SA was positioned Other personnel who were there at various times were Sis

and Officer

at one point the gunman holding hostages push a white male hostage wearing shorts up to the peephole in the double doors of the FBI space. The gunman had his left hand on the hostage's shoulder and was standing behind him pointing what appeared to be a machine pistol at the back of the hostage's head. This position was maintained for approximately one minute before the gunman and the hostage withdrew into the Chief Clerk's Office (CCO).

SA stated he was with one Atlanta Police
Department (APD) SWAT Team hember, SA

10th floor, just prior to the shooting. All four were positioned where they could see the door leading into the too, and the window just east of the door. SA and the APD Officer were kneeling in front, Sa was standing behind the two kneeling.

advised he had just and others that the hostage taker had just gone down the hallway towards the east end of the building, herding the hostages in front of him single file. The security guard was immediately in front of the hostage taker and being held by his arm by the hostage taker.

suddenly heard numerous gunfire reports, some automatic, some single rounds. He yelled, "Is it clear?", and someone hollered

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back, "No, he's still moving", or something similar.

SA stated he and SA into the hall. SA put handculls on the hostage taker who was lying on his back with his head towards the west end of the building.

SA advised he then proceeded to search the west end of the 10th floor with SA to make sure the area was secure and locate any hostages that might have been injured or hiding.

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A review was made of the file at Green Ridge Apartments, Bouldercrest Lane, Atlanta, Georgia, pertaining to Morris E. Roberts. The file indicated that he applied for an apartment on November 6, 1978, and he was given apartment 56B. Applicant's name was shown as Morris E. Roberts, date of birth January 18, 1955, Social Security Account Number 460-06-3222. His next of kin was listed as Mrs. M. E. McCann

He listed as references John Rose, Conly, phone 243-3300, and Paula McCann, 3008 Mt. Olive, phone 633-6760. He listed a previous address of Kingsley Creek Apartments, Kingsley Road, Dallas, Texas. He listed his employment as Crystal Blue Pools, Bouldercrest Way, Conly, Georgia, phone 243-3300, and he indicated his supervisor was John Rose. He listed his bank as the Fulton National Bank, Decatur, Georgia, account number 17-157-12.

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Atlanta Police Department (APD), telephone 658-7830, home address

was interviewed in regard to a hostage situation at the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) office, 275 Peachtree Street, N.E., Atlanta, Georgia.

He has been a police officer with the APD for 10 years and is presently assigned to Police Zone 5 in Atlanta. On June 28, 1981, he was working the day watch alone in car number 505 when at 10:58 am he received a call from his dispatch advising of a "signal 69" at 275 Peachtree Street, N.E., the 9th or 10th floor of the Federal Building. The dispatch advised, according to that he was talking to someone on the phone at that time. Explained that a "signal 69" is the signal designation for a man with a gun. Stated that he was at Spring and International Boulevard at the time of the call and arrived on the scene at Peachtree Street at 11:00 am. Also on the scene at this time was car 515 with Officer

He and walked to the front door "lobby" area of 275 Peachtree Street, N.E., and attempted to locate a security guard to open the locked doors. While at this location they were joined by Officer APD. They were at the front door approximately 4 minutes when a white male arrived who advised that he was not an FBI Agent but did work in the building and would allow them entry. The white male opened the door for them and the three officers and white male entered the elevator. After advising the white male of the signal 69 call he (the white male) advised that the main entrance to the FBI office was on the 9th floor. They then rode the elevator to the 10th floor where the white male exited and the officers rode down to the 9th floor and went directly to the FBI Office. They found doors locked and no activity at that location. Stated that the other two officers remained at the 9th floor location and he rode the elevator back to the 10th floor. He rang the bell to the FBI office on the 10th floor where a female voice asked who it was at the door. stated that he responded "police" when a male voice said "let him in". A white female wearing a green top then opened the door and he white male, possibly wearing a yellow shirt, carrying what

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appeared to be a sawed off shotgun. He then told the female to shut the door which she did.

stated at this time he immediately went to the ladies restroom on the 10th floor of the building and radioed in a call for SWAT. Advised that he stayed on the 10th floor taking cover in the ladies restroom when approximately 4 minutes after requesting SWAT the same white female exited the 10th floor door of the FBI office and was obviously upset. At this same time Officer arrived on the 10th floor by elevator and after seeing the girl immediately he requested that she get on the elevator which she did. She then briefly described the situation inside the FBI office saying that a man was going to kill two or three people. The girl then went down in the elevator with Officer to a secure area.

stated that he could hear what he believed to be perpetrator of the incident talking inside the office but could not make out what he was saying. About 9 or 10 minutes after the white female came out the same white male with whom they came up on the eleator opened the door to the FBI office and a voice yelled out "if you try to rush us I will kill a bunch of people". Stated that the door was then closed. Approximately 10 to 15 minutes later the Atlanta PD SWAT team arrived and instructed him to return to the ground floor of the building. Stated that he complied with the instructions, went downstairs and witnessed no further activity in regards to the hostage situation.

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Patrolman, Atlanta Police Department, was interviewed in the Atlanta FBI Office.

furnished the following information concerning the hostage situation in the Atlanta FBI Office:

He was stationed in the Tenth Floor elevator area with Patrolman when he heard shots inside the FBI office. He and tarted to rush the door, however, they backed off when muzzle flashes were observed under the door and it appeared the individual who had taken the hostages was coming through the door. The shooting ceased and someone opened the door from the inside. Went inside and saw the individual lying on the floor to the left of the door. He appeared lifeless. then went to check on the safety of the hostages.

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At approximately 11:00 a.m., June 28, 1981, Supervisor was telephonically contacted at his residence by Support Employee advised Supervisor that there was a problem at the office and that there was a man at the office who had a gun and who had taken her, a GSA guard, and other clerical employees hostage. advised that his man, later determined to be Morris Edwin Roberts, Jr., wanted to talk with an FBI official and that she was preparing to put him on the line with Supervisor It was noted that was obviously emotionally upset and appeared to be crying on the telephone.

Supervisor then spoke with Roberts who advised his name was David Rockefeller, heir to the Nelson Rockefeller fortune. He stated he desired to see experienced FBI officials at the FBI Office and asked Supervisor how long he had been an FBI agent. When he was advised Supervisor had been an agent for over 10 years, the caller stated Supervisor would do and instructed him to bring with him other agents with 10 to 20 years experience in the FBI. The caller further demanded that Supervisor locate and bring to the FBI office, Chaplain Richard Earl Jenkins, Jr., who resides at 'Atlanta, Georgia.

Supervisor advised Roberts he understood that he had weapons in his possession and requested that he surrender these weapons to FBI personnel at the FBI office. Moberts refused and re-iterated his demand that other FBI agents come to the FBI office. Roberts was assured that agents would be coming to the office and was advised it would take Supervisor approximately one hour to get there from his residence. Roberts inquired as to where Supervisor lived and was advised Norcross, Georgia.

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After terminating the phone call with Roberts, Supervisor telephonically contacted SWAT Team Leader Special Agent in Charge John Glover, and SA ( Supervisor The total was the same of the Atlanta, Georgia File # AT 89B-255 -6/28/81

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was contacted at her residence. She gave the following information:

advised that she was the aunt of Morris
Roberts, and that she was his closest relative in the
Atlanta area. She was advised that he had been responsible
for a hostage incident at the Federal Bureau of Investigation
(FBI) Office in Atlanta earlier that day, and that he was
dead. She provided the following background information
regarding Roberts:

His parents are Mr. and Mrs. Morris Roberts,
Dallas, Texas 75238,
was his aunt by wirtue of the fact that Mrs. Morris Roberts
is her sister. His brother is Glynn Roberts, who lives with
the parents. His sister is Celeste Last Name Unknown who
is divorced and resides in Dallas, Texas.

She last saw Roberts approximately three months ago, and at that time he was working for DeKalb County, as a grounds maintenance man at the DeKalb County golf course which is located off Flat Shoals Road.

He had recently traded automobiles and had a Chevrolet Impala which was gold in color. She did not know where he had gotten the vehicle. He has never been in the military, and she did not know of any friends he had in the Atlanta area. She described him as being a loner. He was a high school graduate. She did not know whether he had ever had any trouble with the law before.

Roberts had a history of mental illness. He was hospitalized at least once at Parkland Hospital in Dallas, Texas, for psychiatric care. His most recent psychiatric care was about 18 months ago when he voluntarily checked into the Georgia Regional Hospital, Panthersville Road, Atlanta, Georgia. He had told her that the reason that he was going to the hospital was that he thought "some people in Washington

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were out to get him, " and that David Rockefeller was also trying to get him. She said that she told him that David Rockefeller was dead, but Roberts ended the conversation by telling her that he did not wish to discuss it.

During a conversation with Roberts when he first came to the Atlanta area approximately three years ago, he told her that he had a gun. She did not know anymore about where he had gotten the gun and she did not discuss it with him further.

was advised that either she or Roberts' parents would be contacted by Fulton County authorities regarding disposition of the body.

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Frank McClure, Atlanta Police Department (APD)
Officer and Chief Hostage Negotiator, provided the following information:

McClure stated on June 28, 1981, he was contacted concerning a hostage situation at the Atlanta FBI Office. He stated that he reported immediately to the FBI Office located at Baker and Peachtree Streets, Atlanta, Georgia.

He stated after arriving on the scene, he was briefed on the status of the situation by Special Agent in Charge of the Atlanta Office, John D. Glover, and the APD Operations Officer.

McClure stated that after his initial briefing, he contacted the FBI Office on the telephone at approximately 12:25 p.m., and asked to speak with the individual who was the hostage taker in the FBI Office. The hostage taker answered the phone and McClure informed him that he was a police officer in the APD and was there to negotiate with the hostage taker. He stated he asked the hostage taker what he wanted to be called in their conversations, and the hostage taker told him to call him "Divad". Shortly after telling McClure to call him "Divad", the hostage taker changed his mind and told McClure to just call him "Friend".

McClure stated that he asked "Friend" if everyone (hostages) was all right, and he overheard "Friend" ask the hostages if they were all right and McClure was informed that the hostages were nodding their heads that they were okay. McClure then asked 'Friend" if he was all right, and the hostage taker responded by telling McClure that he was okay.

At that point, McClure asked the hostage taker what he wanted, and "Friend" responded by saying he wanted his chaplain, Richard Earl Jenkins, to come to the FBI Office. McClure asked if he knew where Jenkins could be located, and the hostage taker said he would not know and then McClure asked if he knew what section of the city Jenkins lived in and the hostage taker stated that he did not know.

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McClure stated that at approximately 12:50 p.m., McClure called the FBI Office again and was informed by one of the hostages who answered the phone that the hostage taker ("Friend") was on the telephone to Washington, D. C., and was not going to talk to McClure at that point. McClure stated that John Glover got on the phone and told the hostage who had answered McClure's phone call not to allow the hostage taker to receive any calls from outside, if possible.

McClure stated that at approximately 12:57 p.m., he made contact with the hostage taker and asked him how many hostages were being held. The hostage taker stated he was holding nine hostages and when asked if he would furnish the names of the hostages, "Friend" stated that he would. McClure stated that in a short period of time, the hostage taker provided the following names of the hostages:



McClure stated that during the same call, he asked the hostage taker if he had been arrested in the past and was advised that he had been arrested for possession of marijuana and simple battery during past arrests.

McClure stated that during each of the contacts he had with the hostage taker after his initial phone call, he was constantly questioned whether or not they had found Richard Earl Jenkins by the hostage taker. McClure stated that in each instance, he kept assuring the hostage taker that every effort was being made to locate Jenkins and bring him to the FBI Office as soon as possible. McClure also stated that during his conversations with the hostage taker concerning Jenkins, he was informed that Jenkins was the hostage taker's chaplain at the Georgia Regional Mental Health Center. McClure asked the bostage taker why he was in the Georgia Regional Mental Health Center,

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and he stated to McClure he was a schizophrenic and detailed other mental health problems which he had in the past for McClure.

McClure stated that at approximately 1:25 p.m., he established contact with the hostage taker and asked the hostage taker if he would consider releasing three of the hostages, and be immediately indicated to McClure that if he was to do so, it would be a sign of weakness. McClure stated that he informed the hostage taker that it would not be a sign of weakness if he released some of the hostages but would be a humanitarian act to show that there is some compassion for the hostages by himself. McClure stated that it was subsequently determined that an agent would be sent to the 10th floor of the FBI Office in the elevator and that the hostage taker would release three female hostages to the agent on the 10th floor. He stated that the hostage taker was very concerned that the agent coming for the hostages not be armed and that he would not be allowed into the office space after arriving on the 10th floor. McClure stated that subsequently, SA went to the 10th floor and three female hostages were released to SA

In subsequent conversation with the hostage taker, McClure stated that they discussed getting food for the hostages and the hostage taker agreed that he would have the hostages determine what type of food they wanted and that he would allow the food to be ordered and subsequently sent to the 10th floor for the hostages.

McClure continued by stating that he, at one point during the negotiations, notified his Operations Officer that it was his opinion the hostage taker ("Friend") was definitely fading into and out of reality and that at other times, his anxiety level would rise and fall. McClure stated that he also informed his Operations Officer that it was his opinion that the hostage taker's mental state was such that it would take a considerable effort to end the seige through negotiations and that everyone should be prepared for a long period of attempted negotiations.

McClure stated that a tape recording was made of the hostage negotiations soon after the negotiations began, and that an accurate detailed account of what transpired during the negotiations is contained in the tape recordings.

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McClure concluded by providing the interviewing agent with a copy of his notes taken during the negotiating period between himself and the hostage taker.

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Telephone conversations between Officer Frank McClure, Atlanta Police Bureau, and a then unknown individual were recorded with consent of McClure. The unknown individual was later identified as Morris Edwin Roberts, Jr. A transcript of the conversations is attached:

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The following is a transcription from a cassette tape recorded on Sunday, June 28, 1981 regarding the hostage incident at the FBI Office, Atlanta, Georgia:

670 (Phone rings)

(GB): FBI.

MALE VOICE): Yeah, this is Frank McClure.

GB: Okay.

(Phone ringing)

MORRIS EDWIN ROBERTS, JR. (MR): Yeah.

MC CLURE (FM): Hey friend.

MR Ummm.

FM I told you I'd call you back at 25 after. So

I wanted to git back with you just like I promised

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I would.

MR Yeah.

PM Okay, you doing all right?

MR I'm....afraid.

FM Huh?

MR I'm scared.

PM Well, there's no need to be scared. Okay. Let

me assure of that. Don't need to be scared at

all. Cause nobody's going to harm you whatsoever, okay?

MR Yeah.

FM All right. How's those people doing up there?

They okay?

MR Everybody all right?

Had a bunch of yeahs.

PM All right. Okay listen, let me ask you this.

MR Un huh.

PM Okay you got what, nine people up there?

MR Yeah.

PM Okay. Are the.., are they working, or they just setting around, or what?

MR I've got, the clerks are doing their jobs, they're working.

PM Okay, all right. Well don't you think they might be a, be a little scared too?

Yeah, they might be.

PM All right, well listen. How bout doing this for me?

MR What's that?

To show these people down here that you're, are willing to.....

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MR I already let one....

FM ....you understand.

MR ....I already let one go.

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FM All right. I know that. So look, you've got

nine up there.

MR Yeah.

FM You don't need that many.

MR Why not?

Well that's just, that's just that many more people you have to watch, plus if the, if they up there scared, they not gone be able to work anyway.

So why don't, why don't you let me have three of 'em.

MR And then three more, and three more, and three more.

FM Well don.., all I'm worried about right now is just the three.

MR Why's that?

FM Because that, we work with one thing at the time.

MR Are you trying to find my Chaplin?

Yeah, they trying to find him now. Now I want,

I want you to tell me his name again so that we
might ah, make sure we got it straight.

MR Jenkins Richards.

FM Richard Jenkins? That's the Chaplin's name?

MR Right.

PM Okay now, do you have a specific address for him?

MR No.

PM Okay, that's, that's what's taking time, we trying

to track him down. How 'bout a phone number?

MR Naw, I don't have one.

FM All right, okay. Do you know what area of town

he lives in?

MR Southwest.

FM Southwest section?

MR I, I believe. I'm not sure.

FM Okay.

All right, and is he black male or white male?

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MR Black male.

PM Black male. Okay. All right, so, how 'bout doing

that for me then, friend?

MR What's that?

Let the three go?

FM Send those three up. Okay?

(pause)

MR Which three do you want?

FM The, any three that you pick.

MR Ah, what's the purpose of this?

It's just to show these people now that, ah, that you are a man, that you're willing, ah, to work with us, to resolve this situation without anybody being hurt.

MR Umm.

FM Okay?

MR Yeah, I prefer to leave 'em where they are. The more that I have in here is secure.

PM · Huh?

The more that I have secured in here, ah, the less ya'll a, the more you'll respect me.

PM Ah, now that's, naw that's, that's not the case.

Now we respect you, without anybody being there.

MR Since when?

FM Huh?

MR Since when?

Sine I picked up the phone and started talking to you. You're a man that, demand, demand respect.

I tell you what I'll do, if, if you'll work with me.

MR What?

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TM I'll send, I'll send one of my negotiators up there.

MR I don't need to see him. We can do everything by phone.

FM I know that, but what I mean...

MR When you, when you get my Chaplain, when you, when you have my Chaplain....

PM Un huh.

MR Call me and tell me when he's coming up here.

PM All right, well now let...,

Give me, give me notice of when he's coming.

...Okay, well now let me ask you this now. And this is something that we have to consider. If we can't locate him, okay?

MR Un huh.

FM Would you be willing to, ah, to see another Chaplain?

MR Naw, I wanna talk to him.

All right because ret..., you know, you have to understand, you know, we may not be able to find him, ah, and so we, we got to consider that possibility.

MR Ummm.

See, we working on it now. We got people out looking for him right now.

MR Well, I mean, that's your word, ah..., what is it worth?

PM It's worth a lot, believe me. Okay?

MR Ah, well for the time being. Ah, ah no one else will do.

PM Okay, all right. We'll accept that. All right, let me ask you this about him then, maybe it'll help us too. Does he, does he preach in a church anywhere around?

MR I don't know.

You don't know? All right, ah, saying that we can't find him, okay? Just taking that possibility under consideration.

MR Yeah.

PM Ah, if we git someone else, would you prefer a black Chaplain or a white? Just whatever you say.

MR If that situation arises?

FM Right, un huh.

MR You better be hell bent on finding him....

Ah we are, but I'm saying we, you know, we got
a lot to take into consideration, all the possibilities,
so I, that's the reason I asked that question.

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Black.

Black?

MR Yeah.

PM Okay. All right, will you, will you let three of 'em go?

MR Ah, I don't think that's in my best interest.

PM Well you'd have six left. As long as, we not gone do anything as long as anybody's in there, and that's....

But see if I show a sign of weakness like that, letting three go, you'll ah say, well hey, he's cracking up, he, he's....

PM No.

MR ...ah giving up, ah, he doesn't need these people,
ah...

Naw I'd, I don't think that, that, that wouldn't be the case. That wouldn't be any sign of weakness, that's be a sign of compassion to show that you care about people.

MR Un huh.

Okay? That's, that's no sign of weakness at all.

That's a sign to show that you have compassion,

that you care about people, and that you're not

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interested in hurting anybody. So why, why don't you do that and I'll send somebody up there to meet 'em at the door.

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MR Well, well I'm interested in defending myself, you can bank on that.

PM All right, well nobody's, listen. I'm a send a man up there.

MR Naw you don't.

Okay, well what, how would you wanna do it, just let 'em walk out the door and git on the elevator?

I mean the, if the man that I sent up there, ah...

MR Is he gone be armed?

PM No he's not gone be armed. No sir.

MR Describe him.

All right he's ah, he's a white male, he's got glasses, alight beige shirt, a brown tie and brown trousers.

What's his name?

rm Wait just a minute.

FM First name's Bob.

MR Bob?

PM 'Un huh.

MR What's his last name?

PM (Talking in the background - What, what's your

last name?) Bob

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PM Un huh. All right, okay now. Now would you give

me your name now?

MR No.

PM Okay. All right now, what, listen. The way we're,

the way we're working, if it's all right with

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you, Bob will knock on the door three times.

When he knocks on the door three times, you send

the three people to the door. He'll open the

door, the three people'll walk out and walk down

with him. Okay? And that way, that, we'll show

that both of us are working in good faith.

MR Is taht true though?

PM Sure it's true. It were, if it won't true, I

wouldn't be telling you. Like I said, you holding

the trunk cards, why should I lie to you?

MR I don't know.

But ah, let me tell you this right off front.

FM Okay.

MR When these three go.

FM Un huh.

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MR I'm a let three go.

FM Un huh.

MR When these three go, don't come back and ask me for, letting any more of 'em go.

PM Un huh.

MR If you do, you'll wish you hadn't.

All right, well listen. You know, I'd like to say, we gone work together. All right, so, he's fixing to leave right now. Okay? And I want you to stay on the phone. You and I'll stay on the phone, let, just hold on, just one second, okay?

MR Wait a minute...

PM Let me, let me make sure...

MR All right, all right.

FM ....everything's all right with them. Hold on.

You're holding on?

MR Yeah, here I am.

(Pause)

PM Okay, he's on the way up there now, friend.

MR I hear about the SWAT.

I tel.., that's, well you heard what I told him didn't you?

MR Make, make sure no, I don't see any SWAT people.

That's exactly right, because that's what you said you wanted me to do is to get them out of the way.

MR In other words, you have SWAT out there, right?

I don't know where they are friend. I really don't, I, but I told you that I'd git 'em out of the way, and they out of the way.

MR But you still have 'em here, huh?

I don't know where they are. I'm being truthful with you, I don't know where they are. But they're out of the way. And no, nobody is going, nobody's gone harm you, I.....

MR All right, hold it....

(sound as though phone being dropped)

FM Friend.

MR Yeah.

FM Friend.

MR Yeah.

FM Where are you?

MR I'm right here.

FM Huh?

MR Right here.

PM Okay, what...

MR There's somebody at the door.

FM Huh?

MR There's somebody banging on the damn door.

PM All right, how many times did he knock?

MR Sound like three.

FM Okay, all right, let 'em out.

MR Just a minute.

(sound as though phone being placed down)

FM Friend.

MR (Talking in the background - open that door).

PM Friend.

MR (Talking in the background - open the door).

(sound as though phone being picked up, dropped

and then picked up again).

FM Friend.

MR Yeah.

FM Friend.

MR Yeah.

FM You okay?

MR I'm fine.

FM All right, did they go out?

MR They're gone.

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They're gone? All right, listen, I wanna tell you how much I appreciate that. I appreciate that.

MR I don't know what good it did me though.

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PM Well, it done you a lot of good, because it's showing these people down here that you're a man of good faith, that you're willing to work with us. And we got people out searching the city right now.

MR Well I'm gonna be here, okay. See those three people that just left.

FM Un huh.

MR Or that are just coming, whichever you wanna look, those are the last three.

PM Okay, all right. I'll, I'll accept that.

MR Okay, I want my Chaplain.

PM All right, well listen.

MR I want to see him. I have to talk to him.

All right, well we're search..., we're searching the city right now to see if we can find him, okay? So you gone have to work with us and be patient, because it's gone take some time. It's gone take some time to get him, okay?

MR Bow long?

I don't know, that's what I, I don't, I can't tell you a time frame because we, we got people out there looking all over the city for him right now. And that's the reason I was asking you ah, you know, if you could tell us anything that might help us locate him. You know, such as if he had a church or, or knew a phone number or where he, do you know where he last lived? Did you ever go to his house or anything?

MR No. I think ya'll can find him if you knuckle down and try.

PM Well we knuckling down and trying, buddy, believe me, believe me. Okay?

MR All right.

Now we gone try to find him, cause that, that's the request that you got, and we're trying to honor that request. Okay? And we gone work, we gone work with you everyway that we possibly can.

MR All right.

PM And you work, you working with us, so together, between you and I....

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MR I hear a noise.

PM We can work this thing out.

(sound as though phone being placed down)

FM Priend.

MR Right here.

PM Friend.

MR Yeah?

Oh okay. What, what was....

What's the noise out in my corridor?

FM I don't know unless, I don't know of any noise

out in there. What'd you hear?

MR Elevators.

PM All right, that was just ah, you'll hear, probably

hear the elevator. But ah, I want you to work

with me, you gone do that?

MR Yeah.

FM Okay now, listen, ah, how bout, ah, are you hungry?

MR Huh?

PM Are you hungry or anything?

MR Yeah, we're gittin' hungry.

PM All right, well in a little bit, we'll try to

work it out and git you something to eat up there,

all right?

MR Umm

Okay now, we ah, we were, like I said, we working on trying to get ah, the Chaplain for you. And so, also in the meantime, we gone be working on that what ah, what else I told you.

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MR What?

About, about locating another Chaplain, just to have him stand by here, ah, just in the event, okay?

MR In what event? That you can't find him?

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FM Right.

MR You better look. I'm willing to stay here for two or three weeks. I can go that long without sleeping.

PM Okay. But you're all right yourself.

MR Buh?

PM Are you all right yourself?

MR Ohhh, I'm nervous.

FM Well we're all nervous, we're all nervous. Any time you have a situation....

MR Is this on tw right now, tell me that?

PM I don't have a tv, so I, I couldn't tell you.

MR Is the press on this?

I'm sure that they are. I mean, you know, they're out there. They don't know anything 'cause we hadn't told them anything.

MR So they're just standing around. They don't have any stories to get, put on the news?

PM Probably not, 'course you know that news media, man they'll make up something.

MR I know that.

Yeah, they'll make up something. That's the reason, whenever I asked you, ah, to hang up on the media, they called us back because they....

MR Well that's enough to give them, ah, 30 minutes of news, isn't it?

PM Ah yeah, you know how that news media are man, they, they just out to make a story and that's it.

MR Un huh.

PM But ah, we, we ain't gone worry about the media cause we got them outside, they not in this building, and they not gone git in this building.

MR Un huh.

FM Okay?

MR Well I got my secretary over there talking to